

## 11.1.1. Coordinating Delivery Vehicles in an Emergency Disease Outbreak

### Standard

Is there a system to co-ordinate delivery vehicle movements in the event of a notifiable or emergency disease outbreak in the area within which feed is delivered?

Refer to the [National Biosecurity Manual for Feed Mills](#) for information on Emergency Disease Action Plans.

### Purpose

Ensuring operators have a response plan for all delivery vehicle movement in the event of an Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) or Plant/Pest outbreak.

### Reason

State and Federal bodies signed the Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA), managed by Animal Health Australia (AHA). The main intention of the document is to collectively reduce the risk of disease incursions and manage a response if an outbreak occurs (AHA). Operators have a duty to remain up to date with animal disease incursions and emerging plant pests.

Additionally, under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, operators have a duty to conduct reasonable practices to prevent or minimise the risk of feed contamination. Contamination sources can be chemical or disease (animal, plant, pest).

In the event of an outbreak or suspected incursion, operators are responsible for controlling people, vehicles and equipment. Planning the movement of transport during an outbreak is crucial in mitigating the risk of spreading disease. Transport vehicles and personal clothing are the quickest way to transfer disease via carrying contaminated feed or fomite transfer.

### What is Acceptable?

A range of activities will allow an operator to effectively meet this standard.

#### Traceability

The operator should be able to demonstrate full traceability of delivery vehicles between feed clients. Additional information can be added into delivery notes, such as:

1. Suspected exposure to EAD - yes / no.
2. Hotspot proximity – how close is the mill located to EAD, Plant/Pest outbreak?
3. Mill Manager Clearance – sign approval before leaving mill.
4. Driver Declaration – Has your driver been in contact or delivered within the hotspot region?
5. Chain of custody – Where delivery vehicle movement is allowable, ensure a chain of custody is completed with each delivery.

#### People

During delivery, transport drivers have a responsibility to declare any exposure or contact with farms that have a suspected Emergency Animal Disease. This can be added into a driver's declaration. If answered yes, operators shall not use this transport service and cease all further movements, until notified by relevant authorities.

The following record provides an example of steps to be taken in the event of an outbreak.

# Emergency Disease and Plant/Pest Action Plan

## 1. PURPOSE

This document details the actions (and responsibilities) that are to be undertaken in the event that an emergency disease/pest outbreak is suspected at the feed mill.

## 2. SCOPE

This procedure is valid for all departments, in which products and services are purchased and procured, and that have an impact on product quality, safety and integrity. It refers to the process as supported by government and industry bodies for Emergency Animal Disease and Plant/Pests.

An integral component of this approved supplier program is that all of the above departments have been made aware of their obligations under this procedure and have been trained accordingly.

## 3. TERMS & DEFINITIONS

**Biosecurity:** A set of measures designed to protect a farm at national, regional and local level. These set of measures mitigate the risks and contain the outbreak (AHA adapted).

## 4. PROCESS

The Emergency Disease and Plant/Pest Action Plan is a guidance document that lists actions to be taken in the event of an outbreak or suspected incursion. The goal of the operator is to respond quickly and effectively in response to an outbreak.

### [A] Important Contact Details

	Name	Contact Number
Property name or PIC number		
Manager		
Person responsible for the ED Action Plan		
Government Biosecurity Officer/Veterinarian		
Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline		1800 675 888
Emergency Plant Pest Hotline		1800 084 881

### [B] Management Commitment

Management undertakes that unfamiliar signs of disease/pests be investigated, and the following actions undertaken, without delay, if an emergency disease or pest outbreak is suspected.

### [C] Action Plan

Develop an action plan according to Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA), and Plant Health Australia. Allocate responsibilities to relevant personnel and ensure all persons are made aware of the actions being taken and their individual responsibilities to this plan.

Time Start:		Time Finish:	
Oversee:		Signature:	

1. Contact the relevant authority through the district veterinary officer or the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline 1800 675 888 or Emergency Plant Pest Hotline 1800 084 881.

Responsibility:

2. Follow all instructions as directed by the relevant authority.

Responsibility:

3. DO NOT dispatch any feed/ingredients and all other commodities from the feed mill until completed action plan.

Responsibility:

4. Determine past 7-day delivery vehicle movement. Have your delivery trucks entered a hotspot? Report and liaise with relevant authority.

Responsibility:

5. Determine past 7-day Machinery/Equipment movement. Have there been any exchange/loaning of equipment between EAD or Pest Outbreak properties? Report and liaise with relevant authority.

Responsibility:

6. Compile a list of all feed and ingredients (quantities, identification and location). Prepare a site plan that details location and information of current ingredients. Report and liaise with relevant authority.

Responsibility:

7. For suspected pest Incursions, immediately isolate any suspected feed/ingredients within the feed mill property.

Responsibility:

8. Reinforce Farm Biosecurity, entry and exit is only allowable under controlled conditions. Ensure movement of all feed/ingredients, people and equipment is restricted.

Affected area:	Seal or limit access to affected area. Include signage if appropriate
Property perimeter:	Secure all fencing and unauthorized access to property
Employees/Personnel Movement:	Limit movement of employees until directed by relevant authorities or if a person's life is in jeopardy.
Machinery/Equipment Movement:	DO NOT allow to leave the property unless directed by officials.
Lockdown required:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery Vehicles:	Cancel ALL movement of delivery vehicles if answered 'yes' above.
Other Vehicles:	Entry only under controlled conditions/as instructed by relevant authorities

Responsibility:

9. Ensure that customers are advised if they are immediately affected by the delay in the supply of product.

Responsibility:

10. If an emergency disease/pest is identified, the feed mill will follow the requirements of the relevant AUSVETPLAN/[Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement \(EADRA\)](#), and directions from the relevant authority.

Responsibility:

## 5. DOCUMENTATION & RECORDS

The following records shall be maintained to assure this program is implemented:

- Mock Biosecurity Action Plans

## 6. 6. DOCUMENT HISTORY

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